



DIFFERENT KIND OF WORK: With union workers striking Bell Telephone system, Allen Sales, normally a business office representative, wears faintly puzzled expression in first few hours of taking over unfamiliar job of long distance operator in Benton Harbor exchange. He's substituting for switchboard girl who takes care of calls that require "operator handling." Direct dialing of most long distance calls goes on as usual. (Staff photo by Wesley Stafford)

## Service A Bit Slower

### Little Effect Seen In Telephone Strike

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Effects on telephone service were minimal today as a strike by some 400,000 members of the AFL-CIO Communications Workers of America against the

highly automated Bell System entered its second day.

"If my wife wants me, just tell her to dial 0," one Southern Bell executive told his staff as he and thousands of other man-

agement personnel took over the striker's jobs after the 6 a.m. walkout Wednesday.

#### CALLS GO THROUGH

Direct-dialed calls generally went through normally but both sides agreed that in a matter of time service would begin to deteriorate. Repairs and installations were slowed or halted in the strike-affected area.

In Michigan, the strike is not yet having an appreciable effect on phone service, a Michigan Bell Telephone Co. spokesman said Wednesday.

Benton Harbor district manager Harvey Dams said the first day of the strike "was a little difficult" for supervisory personnel who stepped in to take over duties of the strikers. "But we're getting along very well now."

An old-timer at the local telephone office told Dams the first day of this strike went much more smoothly than did previous strike situations.

Supervisory personnel are working at least 10 hour shifts doing their regular jobs and serving stints at the switchboards. Dams asked that telephone users try to limit their calls which require an operator's assistance, otherwise, "they

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DOG GONE: Sydney, Ohio has a new \$35,000 dog pound and its most unique feature is pictured here—a night depository for poches. It is demonstrated here by Warden Ralph Swob. It opens to a cage where the dogs wait until the pound staff arrives for work. Swob says as many as 30 or 40 dogs have been dropped off in one night. "I think folks are leaving us their neighbors' dogs," he smiled. "But that's OK, we're giving them back to their owners. (AP Wirephoto)

### Now 18 Year-Olds Can Bet At Horse Tracks

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A rundown of items covered by Michigan's new Age of Majority legislation, dropping the age of adulthood from 21 to 18, includes such diverse areas as gambling and operating "soft drink emporiums." When Gov. William Milliken signs the bill and it takes effect Jan. 1, 1972, 18-year-olds will be able to:

—Purchase or carry concealed weapons.

## Includes Drinking

# Michigan's 18-Year-Olds Get Full Adult Rights

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan 18-year-olds will become adults next Jan. 1, with the legal rights to drink, gamble, sue and enjoy all other privileges and responsibilities of those over 21.

That became a certainty Wednesday with the resounding 32-2 Senate vote on the so-called Age of Majority bill, long stalled after its passage in the House two months ago.

Gov. William Milliken immediately congratulated the legislature and said he expected to sign the bill "in short order."

#### SOLIDLY ENDORSED

Milliken and other top state officials had solidly endorsed full adulthood for persons ages 18-20, action taken in at least one other state. Vermont approved an 18-year-old age of majority earlier this year.

Lawmakers in both the Michigan House and Senate had tried unsuccessfully to delete drinking rights from the bill. In the House, efforts also were made to withhold gambling provisions.

But substantial majorities supported the full adulthood package in each chamber.

Eighteen-year-olds recently won the right to vote in all elections when 39 state legislatures—including Michigan's—ratified a congressional amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

The Senate vote for the adulthood bill came after long and emotional debate that centered on the drinking question.

Sen. Donald Bishop, R-Rochester, cited studies indicating young people were involved in more traffic accidents after the age of 16—when they begin to drive—and after 21—when they begin to drink legally.

If those two beginnings were brought closer together by lowering the legal drinking age, he said, the tendency would be toward an increase in traffic problems for the younger age group.

But colleagues, both Republican and Democratic, argued against his position and succeeded in rejecting an amendment aimed at retaining the 21-year-old drinking age.

#### NOT TRAILBLAZING

Sen. William Ballenger, R-Ovid, said it would be "unjust, hypocritical, reprehensible and assinine" to grant 18-year-olds all rights but drinking. And, he argued, "we're not trailblazing. At least 12 other states and the District of Columbia allow some drinking under age 21."

Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Detroit, said it would be "unrealistic to think that not changing the law will make one iota of difference for the young people of the state."

"Let's get the police officers away from looking for beer cans (from those under 21) and get them out looking for crime," he urged.

The Senate also defeated an amendment proposed by Sen. Alvin DeGraw, R-Pigeon, that would have authorized the lower drinking age for a three-year-trial period.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Charles O. Zollar, R-

Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at the shoreline today is 62 degrees.

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Benton Harbor, was one of the few lawmakers speaking to other sections of the bill.

#### ISSUES WARNING

Zollar called the drinking question "moot" but warned 18-year-olds of the fiscal implications of their soon-to-be-

attained majority.

"I hope we as adults would inform young people of the consequences of hasty judgments in the fiscal area that they will spend a lifetime regretting," he said.

Zollar contended the legisla-

ture was "turning them loose in a world that is based on what one man can take from another."

He suggested that some young people who could afford a middle-priced car, for instance, might be talked into purchasing a \$6,000-\$7,000

model, or a home outside their price range.

Besides allowing drinking and betting at 18, the Age of Majority bill authorizes young people to: make wills, enter

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WEARS HIS HEART ON HIS SLEEVE: David McNeil, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrence McNeil, 1210 Napier avenue, St. Joseph, a sophomore at St. Joseph high school, wants to become a police officer. His hobby is collecting police department shoulder patches and in the year and a half he has been writing to departments all over the world

he has gathered 81. Some come from as far away as Tokyo and Canada. (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) and some as close as Twin City area departments. His display is on exhibit in the St. Joseph police department. Dave's father is a captain in the St. Joseph fire department. (Staff photo by Dick Derrick)

## No-Fault Divorce Law Now In Milliken's Lap

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan would have a no-fault divorce law, eliminating the adversary grounds for ending a marriage, if Gov. William Milliken approves a bill being prepared for his signature.

The Senate cleared the way for action by the governor Wednesday when it accepted some House amendments to the bill.

Backers of the no-fault concept, in operation in various forms in Texas, California and Iowa, contend it would remove "perjury and extortion" from

the state's divorce courts. Opponents say it would make divorce too easy to come by and could prove harmful to children.

In a traditional last-minute fight of action late Wednesday, the Senate also passed:

—A House-approved bill requiring employers to provide equal pay for equal work without discrimination based on sex.

—A measure authorizing juvenile courts to take jurisdiction in cases involving the emotional well-being of a child. The bill goes to the House for further action.

—Legislation to allow grandparents to seek court orders requiring their visitation rights to grandchildren. It was returned to the House for concurrence in

amendments.

The no-fault divorce bill had passed both houses earlier this session. But the House sought to authorize couples involved in divorce actions to revise their cases and claim no-fault

grounds next Jan. 1, the proposed starting date of the new law.

The Senate said that should be the case only if both parts

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## Fruit Growers Plead Guilty

Two more Berrien county growers were arrested Wednesday on warrants issued on complaint of the Michigan Department of Health for operating agricultural labor camps without a license.

Kenneth V. Stover, 60, prominent Berrien Springs grower, and John Ashman, Sudis township grower both pleaded guilty in Fifth district court Wednesday and were released on personal recognizance by Judge John Hammond pending a pre-sentence investigation.

Stover, who was originally denied a license, was given 10 days by the prosecutor's office to comply with the law, but failed to do so, according to Richard Ives, acting head of the Berrien County Health Department's environmental division. Ives said at the time the warrant was issued there were five adults and five children living in Stover's camp. State law requires that if five or more persons are living in a camp a license from the health department is needed.

Ashman did not file an application for a license, according to Ives, who said that at the time the warrant was issued 11 persons were living in his camp.

Since July 6, when a crackdown on unlicensed camps began, a total of five Berrien county growers have been charged with operating agricultural labor camps without a license, Ives said.

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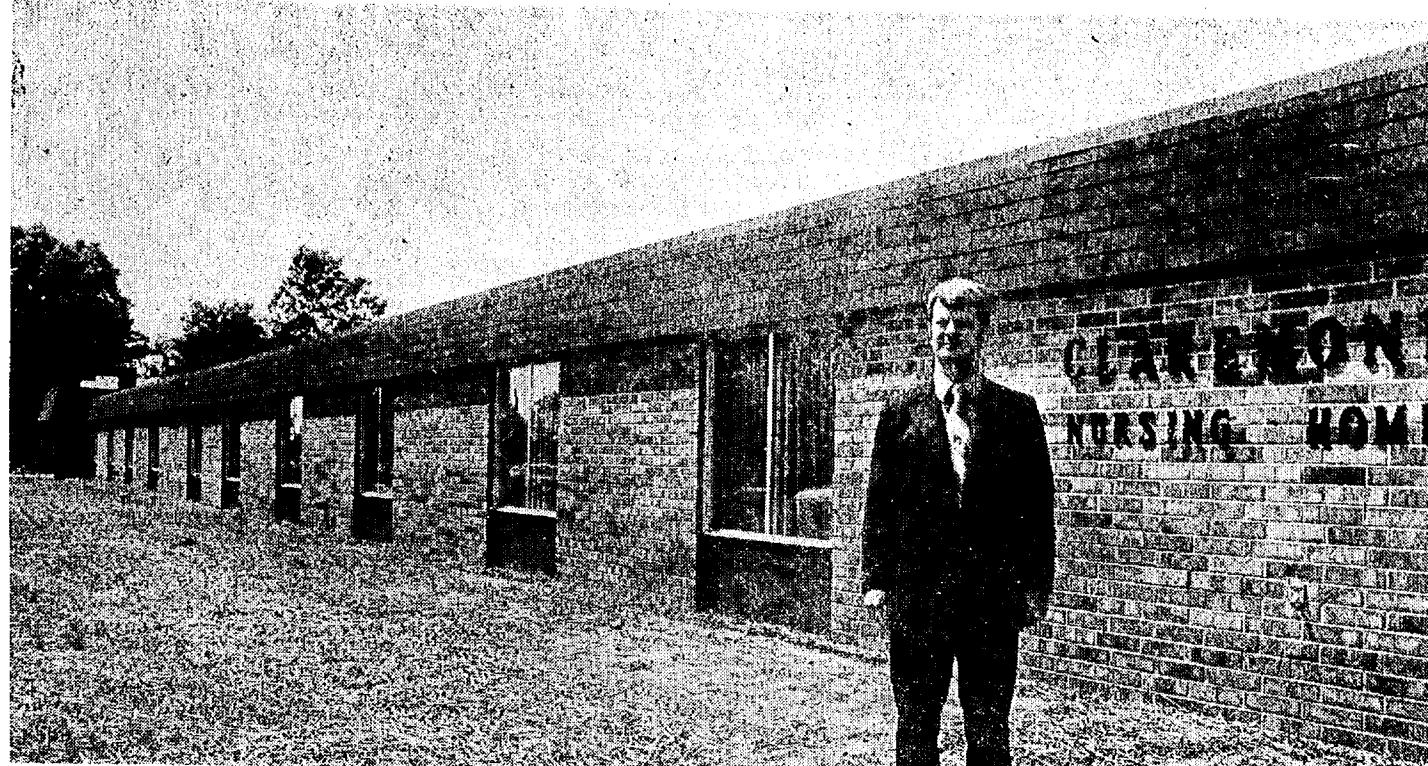
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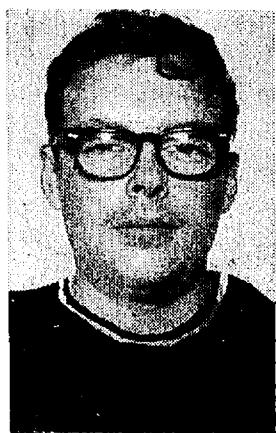
Twin City  
News



CLAREMONT NURSING HOME: Robert McNabb, administrator, stands outside the new \$700,000 Claremont nursing home which officially opens its doors this weekend at 1385 East Empire

avenue in Benton township. The facility is built around a central courtyard and has a 122-bed capacity.

## Woman Found Tied, Badly Hurt



MICHAEL D. RICHTER  
accused of attack

A 27-year-old Kansas woman, found in a suburban St. Joseph township home Wednesday with her hands tied and her skull fractured, was reported in serious condition in the intensive care unit at St. Joseph Memorial hospital this morning.

Michael Dean Richter, 24, of 1949 Brown School road, St. Joseph township, was arrested by sheriff's officers on a charge of attempted murder of Martha Coker of Hutchinson, Kansas. Richter was arraigned before Judge John T. Hammond in Fifth district court and demanded preliminary examination. Bail was set at \$25,000 and the suspect was remanded to the county jail when he was unable to post bond.

### POLICE CALLED

Sheriff's officers said Richter called them to his home about 10 a.m. Wednesday and told them he had assaulted the woman.

Police found the woman, with her hands tied and head bleeding, in Richter's bathroom. They said the assault, however, may have taken place in the living room, where they found traces of blood.

Richter told police he met the victim at a New Buffalo gas station, where he works, shortly after midnight Wednesday morning and brought her to his home.

Police said they confiscated a metal pipe, 10 inches long, found in Richter's home and believed to be the weapon used in the assault.

Memorial hospital said the victim's skull and upper spine were fractured and that she suffered multiple scalp lacerations.

The County of Berrien replied Wednesday to a lawsuit by the contractor on an unfinished \$1.5 million St. Joseph suburban sewer line with a claim of its own against the contractor for money damages.

The county's counterclaim for unnamed sums follows the filing of suit in Berrien circuit court May 20 by Yerington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor. The contractor had asked \$260,000 damages for alleged misinformation about adverse soil conditions along the route of Hickory Creek sewer interceptor south of St. Joseph.

The contractor named the county, and the county public works board engineers, Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May of Ann

## Public Invited

## Benton Nursing Home Will Open Doors Friday

The Claremont Nursing home at 1385 East Empire avenue in Benton township will officially open its doors Friday during ribbon cutting ceremonies scheduled for 1 p.m., according to Robert McNabb, administrator.

McNabb said area doctors are invited to visit the nursing home on Friday, and an open house for the general public will be held Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Claremont is part of a chain of four nursing facilities operated by the Videre Corp. of Grand Rapids. The other nursing homes are located in Big Rapids, Ludington and Grand Haven.

The new nursing home has 122 beds in 70 private and semi-private rooms. The cost of the building was \$375,000, with equipment and furnishings inside making the total cost about \$700,000, McNabb said.

He described the facility as a skilled nursing home for long

term care, open to all races, creeds and colors.

Claremont will have a staff of 100 employees, including a registered nurse, licensed practical nurses, a dietitian and a medical consultant.

The building has four corridors with two nursing stations and a large enclosed court yard in the center with walkways. Two day rooms have color televisions and provide patients with a recreational area.

Prior to assuming the position of administrator at Claremont, McNabb worked for two years with the Department of Social Services in this area. He was a family service worker and also headed an experimental job program unapproved by the state legislature to test which jobs could be developed for people on welfare roles. McNabb resides in Watervliet, and is the son of Mrs. A. A. McNabb and the late Dr. A. A. McNabb of Watervliet.



DAY ROOM: Patients at Claremont nursing home will have two day room recreational areas which have sliding glass doors looking out onto an enclosed courtyard. A public open house is scheduled Saturday and Sunday. (Staff photos)

Arbor, as defendants.

In an answer filed in circuit court Wednesday, the county denied the contractor's claims, alleging the contractor has breached his contract, and by counterclaim seeks damages representing the cost of finishing the incomplete sewer line over and above the Yerington & Harris original contract for \$1,500,726.41.

It also seeks unstated damages for costs incidental to obtaining the sewer line's completion and unstated damages for the loss of any state-federal funds that might develop, among others.

Both the county and the engineers claim any damage Yerington & Harris may have suffered is the contractor's own

fault for allegedly failing to comply with the terms of the contract and to investigate worksite conditions.

The contractor walked off the seven-mile-long suburban sewer line job April 9 and later filed suit claiming the contractor was misinformed about adverse soil conditions that made construction more expensive and difficult than expected.

Construction has been stalled since April 9 with some 15 percent reported finished. Meanwhile, the county public works board has advertised for a new contractor and will take construction bids to finish the job Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. in the county courthouse, St. Joseph, said Thomas Sinn, Berrien planning director.

## F&M Bank Will Double Frontage At Headquarters

The Farmers & Merchants National bank expects to double its West Main street frontage in downtown Benton Harbor within the next few weeks.

The bank's central office at 94 West Main, flanked by its installment loan department and trust division, measures 100 feet wide.

On June 1 the F&M acquired an adjoining 33 feet westward toward Colfax avenue from a former Benton Harbor resident now living in Chicago, Mrs. Nanette Newland Seidner.

### FINAL PAPERWORK

It has a contract to purchase the Israelite House of David building at the corner of Colfax and Main upon which the final paperwork is nearing completion. The structure fronts 67 feet on Main street.

All of the properties run 125 feet deep southward to the alley.

Richard E. Willard, president, said the F&M has no present plans for the two properties, except probably their early demolition.

"We bought them since their coming to the market lately simply to allow the leeway for possible changes in our operation and our present quarters.

"A customer parking lot could be a fairly quick use. However, we expect to have some engineering and design studies drawn to indicate other possibilities for us," he explained.

One delay even for demolition could be the tenancy of Midwest News immediately west from the F&M's trust department.

It is the only occupancy of the four places on the ground level previously rented out of the two properties.

Midwest leased the space for three years from Mrs. Seidner on Feb. 16, 1970 and opened for business on the ensuing February 20th.

The Benton Harbor police department raided the premises, confiscated a sizeable portion of its merchandise and arrested its then operator, William K. Palmer, under a city ordinance characterizing the operation as a pornography shop.

Although Circuit Judge

## Clerk Held In Theft At Dairy Queen

An 18-year-old girl clerk at the Dairy Queen stand, 873 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor who last week reported she was robbed of \$157 at gunpoint, was arrested by Benton Harbor police Wednesday afternoon.

Susan Shirley McGee, 18, of 834 Edgewater avenue, Benton Harbor, was charged with conspiracy to commit larceny.

Police said the arrest followed an investigation that developed discrepancies in statements the girl had given officers about the July 8 robbery.

Miss McGee reported last Thursday afternoon she went to the rear door of the stand to lock it and found a man seated in a chair inside the building with a gun pointed at her. She said he handed her a brown bag and told her to put the money from the cash register in the bag. The amount of money taken was reported at the time at \$157.

Chester J. Byrns upheld the confiscation. Palmer subsequently obtained a federal district court order declaring the ordinance to be an unconstitutional infringement upon freedom of expression.

Still pending in federal court is his \$90,000 damage suit claiming false arrest against

the city and its principal officials.

The F&M makes no secret of its desire for Midwest to find other quarters so it can proceed to clear the ground.

The House of David already has notified the renters in the second and third floors of its building to vacate.



MIGHTY OAK CUT DOWN: Fred L. Granger, Sr., originator of the idea that gave rise to Southwestern Michigan's Blossom Festival, stands in his front yard beside mighty white oak being cut down in connection with widening of Napier avenue between Colfax and M-139 in Fairplain, Benton Harbor suburb. Granger, a retired fruit processor, says the tree was nearly 100 years old with a 3 1/2 to 4-foot trunk. "They didn't have to cut that tree down," he protested to a photographer. "It was in perfect condition. I just can't figure out why they did it." Berrien County Road Commission is in charge of widening project. (Staff photo)

## Naturalist Hired For Grand Mere

The Grande Mere Association has hired Max Medley of Berrien Springs as a full-time nature guide and naturalist for the 22-acre preserve located just south of Grande Mere in Lincoln township.

Don Galloway, president of the association, announced that Medley's services have been secured on regular basis for field trips, ecological studies, plant labeling, and trail maintenance in the preserve. Galloway said Medley "is most knowledgeable about plant material in the preserve and about its ecological significance."

### LEADING FIGHT

Medley has been working to complete a degree in botany at Andrews University, and is co-teaching a course on plant habitats and ecological outlook at the Sarett nature center. He previously worked at the Fernwood preserve in Niles, giving field trips, planting, and

compiling lists of plant material in the area. He had been doing scientific studies in the Grand Mere area for years.

The Grand Mere association was organized in 1965 and has led the fight to prevent Grand Mere from being developed. The area consists of 1,200 acres lying west of I-94 at Stevensville, and last week Gov. William Milliken signed a \$350,000 bill to purchase some 400 acres of the land.

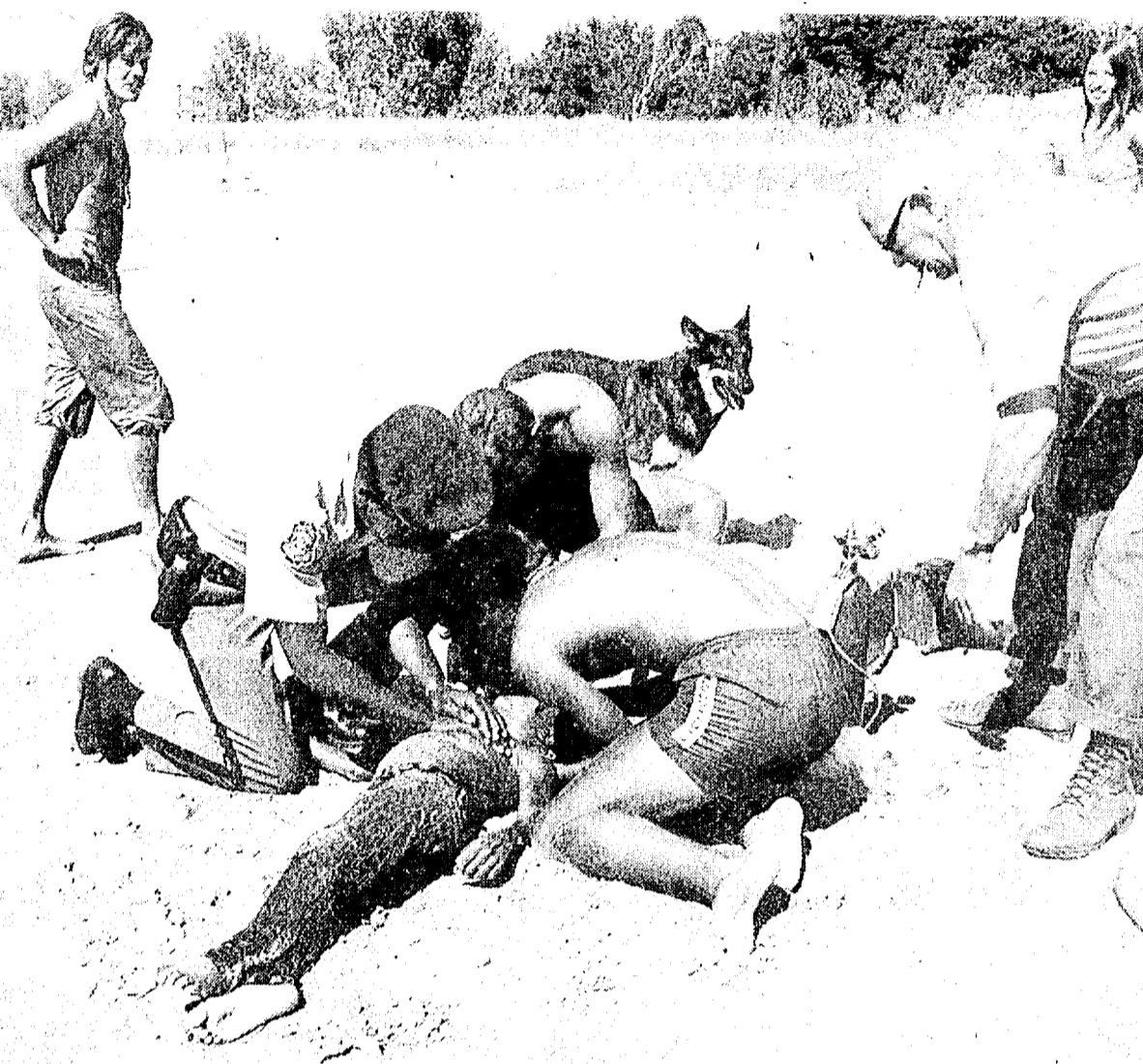
Medley will conduct field trips for youth, school and conservation groups and for any interested individuals every Thursday.

## Countersuit Filed In Sewer Fight

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**ONE DROWNS, ONE SURVIVES:** Rescue workers (left) unsuccessfully try to revive Eugene Grant Jr., 8, Robbins, Ill., who drowned Wednesday afternoon near South Haven's north beach. The youngster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grant, was with a companion about 100 feet offshore when a wave

apparently knocked them under the water. The companion, John Reitman, 7, Rockford, Ill., was rescued by Mrs. Eve Schwartz, being interviewed (right) by officers. Mrs. Schwartz told officers she could not locate the Grant youngster. According to police, Mrs. Schwartz and her granddaughter, Audrey

Martin, upper right of first picture, heard calls for help and while Mrs. Schwartz went into water, Miss Martin went to notify police. Body of Grant youngster was located on sandbar about 15 minutes later by another bather, Bill Walsh, of 77th street, South Haven, in background. Police said they were

told the Grant youngster could not swim and that both he and Reitman had been told to stay out of water while adults were away. According to police drowning occurred in water away from city beach area. Victim's father is police officer in Robbins, Ill. (Tom Renner photos)

## Summer Tragedy At South Haven



## Track Ruling Is Appealed Again

By TOM RENNER  
South Haven Correspondent

**SOUTH HAVEN** — The State Racing commission has petitioned the Michigan Court of Appeals to reverse an

order by Van Buren Circuit Court Judge David Anderson that it reconsider issuing a license for a proposed parimutuel horse track in South Haven township.

State Attorney General

Frank Kelley filed the claim of appeal Tuesday on behalf of State Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley in response to Judge Anderson's June 2 order that the South Haven Racing association's license

request be re-evaluated.

### REASON NOT GIVEN

Judge Anderson had ordered reconsideration of the license application because "the commissioner did not assign proper reasons for the denial, according to the rules set up by state statute."

Shirley, when rejecting the license application in April, said that he was approving extended seasons at Michigan's existing tracks instead of authorizing construction of new facilities.

Ray Barrett, attorney for the South Haven group, contended that Shirley's action was arbitrary and an abuse of the authority of the office.

Judge Anderson cannot or-

der the racing commission to issue a license, but according to law he could insist on another review.

During their circuit court appearance last May the Assistant State Attorney General representing the Racing Commission contended that the South Haven group failed to file complete license application.

But Judge Anderson ruled that the letter of rejection pointed only to the policy of extending current racing seasons and no other reasons.

### WANT ASSURANCE

The South Haven group, composed of restaurant owner Abe Ashe and a Kalamazoo couple, Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Beebe, have insisted that they

aren't about to spend large amounts of money for feasibility studies without some assurance that their license application will be considered on its merits.

The Racing Commissioner simultaneously rejected license applications for two proposed tracks in the Flint area when acting on the South Haven project. Each of the Flint groups reportedly spent in excess of \$100,000 in preparing their applications.

The South Haven track has been proposed for a tract near 15th avenue and M-140. The race track, estimated to cost more than \$1 million, would be constructed to accommodate both thoroughbred and harness racing.

## Galien Women Are Charged In \$9 Robbery

**NEW BUFFALO** — Judy Breka, 21, and Sandra Shedrow, 21, both of Galien, were held overnight in the Berrien county jail on warrants charging them with the unarmed robbery of two Union Pier boys Monday night.

The women were arrested in a car in Galien township by state troopers from New Buffalo post and a deputy sheriff. The warrants were authorized by the county prosecutor's office.

Ronald James Bonee, and Richard Knoll, both 14, told police they were robbed of \$9 late Monday night when they accepted a ride from four strangers near Union Pier.

Richard Allen Payne, 22, of Three Oaks, arrested earlier in connection with the same incident, demanded examination during arraignment yesterday in Fifth District court on a charge of unarmed robbery.

State police are continuing their investigation.

### South Haven Swings

## Big Blueberry Festival Plans Busy Windup

**SOUTH HAVEN** — Blueberries will step to the forefront the next two days here as the National Blueberry festival enters its final weekend of activity.

Tonight more than 100 boys and girls will dig into blueberry pies in the annual pie eating contest sponsored by the South Haven Jaycees. The contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Ratcliffe field.

Immediately following there will be a donkey baseball game between teams from the South Haven Rubber Co. and Bohn Aluminum and Brass Co.

On Friday, members of Am-

erican Legion Post 55 will serve pancakes — regular and with blueberries — at the Post home on Michigan avenue beginning at 7 a.m.

The South Haven Golf club will sponsor an club invitation women's tournament Friday.

Tickets are available for the adult dance Saturday night at the Red Carpet restaurant. Dance music will be provided by a band beginning at 9 p.m. with a buffet scheduled for midnight. The dance will be limited to 100 couples and tickets are available at the Macdonald Drug store, South Haven Rexall drugs, the Red

Carpet restaurant and radio station WJOR.

Applications are still being accepted for Saturday's bathtub and anything that floats races as well as the canoe competition. The races begin at 2 p.m. on the Black river and entries will be accepted prior to the competition.

Festival events chairman Richard Pisarski reported there are 50 entries from throughout the Midwest for Sunday's nationally-sanctioned power boat races which will be held on the Black river. Pisarski reminded boaters that the Coast Guard has approved closing the Black river to traffic between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. He said that the river will be opened periodically to allow boaters to move through the area.

### DANK Plans Annual Picnic For Saturday

The German-American National Congress (D.A.N.K.) will hold its annual picnic Saturday, starting at 3 p.m. at the Deutsches Haus, 2651 Pipestone road.

In the evening, the picnic will be followed by a dance.

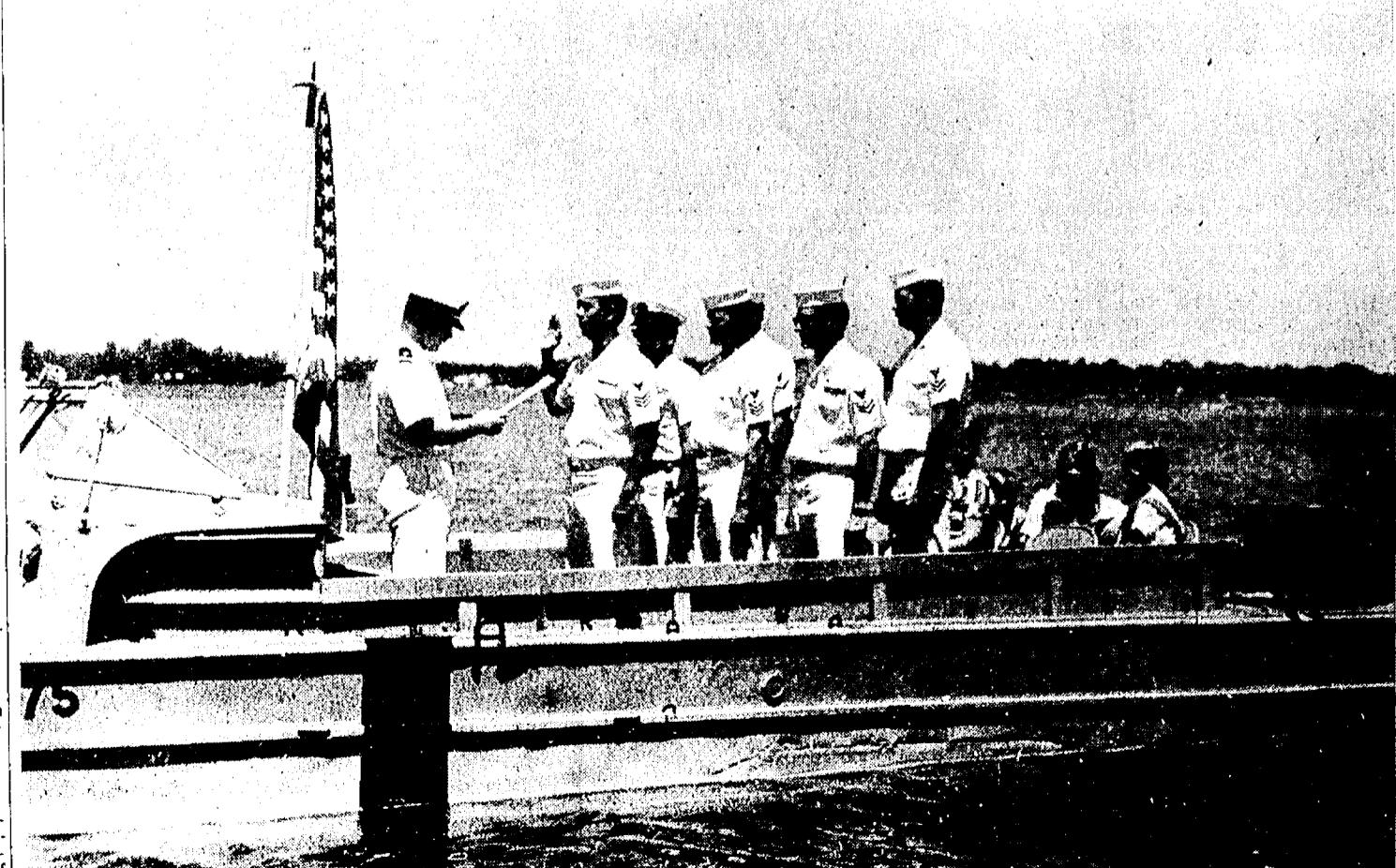
It was also announced that a summer dance is scheduled at the clubhouse on Aug. 14.

### Killed In Crash

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — Richard Flint, 21, rural Jackson County, was killed Wednesday when his truck went out of control, struck a rock and a tree and burst into flames.

### Traffic Deaths

July 15 State Police count  
This year 1,013  
Last year 1,112



**SWORN IN AT "SEA":** An unusual re-enlistment ceremony was conducted on Paw Paw lake Wednesday by Navy officials using the Naval Reserves' amphibious vehicle, known as a "duck." A 16-year veteran of the Navy, First Class Yeoman LaVern Siegel re-enlisted for another four years in the service. Siegel is stationed at the Benton Harbor Naval Reserve center as the

station keeper. Administering the oath is Lieutenant Junior Gode, Gary Callendar, (left) Naval Air station, Corpus Christi, Texas, formerly of Riverside. Siegel is standing before Callendar, while his fellow Navy workers observe the ceremony. (Cliff Stevens photo)

## Tom Mellon Heads UF Directors

**SOUTH HAVEN** — Tom Mellon has been elected president of the board of directors of the South Haven United Fund for 1971-72.

Other new officers include Tom Newton, vice president; Rev. William Torrey, secretary; and Clarence Teske, treasurer.

Mellon, an insurance and investment representative, served as chairman for the 1969 South Haven United Fund drive in which a record \$34,250 was raised.

He is on the board of directors of the Southwestern Michigan Life Underwriters association, is a member of the South Haven Kiwanis club and is a past president of the South Haven Jaycees.

Mellon and his wife Pat and their children Lisa and Christy reside at 315 Pearl street.

Recently elected to three year



TOM MELLON